

# Basic Lessons for Understanding Equipment

## Geriatric Chair

Patient: M|SITE.SHIP\_TO\_NAME

Patient ID: M|CUSTOMER.PATIENT\_ID

Model #: Select

Serial #:

Date: M|C|CURRENTDATE

### Setting Up Your Equipment

- Check the recliner instructions for the weight limit on your chair model.
- Ensure that the recliner rolls straight.
- Ensure that all parts function correctly.

### Using Your Equipment

- **General Guidelines:**
  - Always lock the wheels when transferring an occupant.
  - Before using the recliner, make sure the chair is stable and the patient is properly positioned before reclining.
  - For larger users, always be safe and have additional assistants present.
- **Reclining by Patient:**
  - Place your hands on the armrest and push your body against the chair's back to recline yourself to the desired position. To bring yourself up, place your hands on the armrest and pull yourself up while leaning your body forward away from the chair's back.
- **Assisted Recline:**
  - The assistant stands on either side of the chair and grasps the armrest with one hand and push handle with the other hand. Push back on the push handle to recline and pull forward to raise the chair.
- **Locking Rear Wheels:**
  - Push down on the wheel lock until it latches to engage the wheel locks.
  - Release the wheel locks by pushing the middle button to unlock (dependent on model).

### Maintenance

- On a weekly basis inspect the brakes to see if they function correctly on a weekly basis.
- Periodically look for damage on the recliner, and if you find any, call your provider immediately.
- Clean as necessary with household cleaners and a cloth.
- Every three months check and clean casters, tighten nuts, check brakes, and check and clean the lock recline mechanism.

### Safety Issues

- Set brakes before entering and exiting the recliner.
- Only enter the recliner when the recliner is in the full upright position with the footrest down.
- Do not sit on the footrest when recliner is extended.
- Only use the handle to push and pull the recliner.
- When operating the recliner, make sure to keep your hands free of moving parts.
- Wheel locks are only to be used in a stationary position; do not use brakes to stop the chair.
- Do not attempt to push the occupant up or down steep inclines, this could result in serious injury.

**\*\* Please contact your equipment provider for any questions, adjustments, or repairs. \*\***